not in public interest to indicate the details of recommendations in this regard.

Diversion of funds in North-East

1108. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he expressed concern over the diversion of Government and foreign funds to separatist forces in the North-East;

(b) if so, whether Government has since instituted a probe into such diversion of Government and foreign funds; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Recently during the inaugural function of the North-Eastern Council meeting, Union Home Minister has expressed concern over the diversion of Government funds to separatist forces in the North-East. Instances of diversion of Government funds by some of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in North-Eastern region particularly in Manipur have been brought to the notice of this Ministry. A close watch is being kept on the activities of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The State Governments of Manipur and Assam have registered cases against the All Manipur Students Union and Manab Adhikaar Sangram Samiti for their alleged links with the militant organisations. State Governments register cases whenever specific cases of violations of law are detected. Ministry of Home Affairs have issued instructions in December, 2000 to all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to suspend further allocation of funds to Non-Governmental Organisations in Manipur until a thorough personal verification is carried out of the utilisation of funds by senior officers from the Government of India. Ministry of Home Affairs, in February, 2001 has *inter-alia* clarified that if on inspection, it is found that the funds have been properly utilized, the Central Ministries/Central Agencies can go ahead with the further release of funds as per approved

schemes. Hence, those genuine Non-Governmental Organisations, who are found to have properly utilized funds, are eligible for further funding by the Ministries. In case, funds are not utilized, or mis-utilised, the Central Ministries/Agencies, should blacklist the Non-Governmental Organisations and take further action as per law.

Insurgent activities in Assam

1109. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Unease in Assam" appearing in the Hindu dated 3.10.2001; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to control the various insurgent activities in Assam so as to ensure law and order in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of Para-military forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.